

SAPC 4292
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13 March 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Project Director
THROUGH: Director of Operations
THROUGH: Personnel Officer
SUBJECT: Manning of Detachment B

1. Subsequent of my selection as Commander of Detachment B, Headquarters SAC gave me the prerogative of picking officers to fill authorized staff positions. At that time, due to a limited knowledge of the details of the Project and certain rules which are followed within the Strategic Air Command and the Air Force, there were some limitations (rank, time on station, etc.) on selection of officers.

2. Subsequent to my arrival here, an additional space (grade of Colonel) in the Operations Section has been authorized. [redacted] (who will become a Lt. Colonel on 26 March) was selected to be the Operations Officer. Because of the great amount of confidence I have in his ability, it is requested that he continue in that position and that an officer junior to him be secured for the newly authorized position.

3. As pertains to the newly authorized position, I propose the following manning action:

a. First, advance [redacted] reporting 19 March, from the Intelligence Officer position to the Assistant Operations Officer position. [redacted] is an experienced pilot and Operations officer as well as highly qualified Intelligence Officer and Photo Interpreter.

b. Requisition [redacted] for the position of Intelligence Officer. At the time of the original selections, Major Carlisle was considered as "not eligible" due to a move this fiscal year. It is my belief that this Project warrants the best and that, with proper urging, USAF can waive the second move within this fiscal year for [redacted] in their requisition

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for him ~~for~~ this Project. Even though [] has moved since the first of July, 1955, he has held the same position since November of 1949 and cannot be substantiated in his current position on the basis of a new assignment (the unit to which he is assigned transferred to Little Rock Air Force Base in October).

25X1 c. [] has extensive photo lab, air borne photographer and photo interpretation background and would be ideal for the assignment which I propose.

4. I recognize that contractor personnel will provide the technical knowledge needed within the detachment concerning camera installation and equipment. Further, it is recognized that film development in the main will be at a point other than the detachment location. Nevertheless, I firmly believe that a practical and up-to-date knowledge of cameras and camera installations backed by experience would be beneficial to the Detachment B staff. For these reasons I request that [] be requisitioned by name from SAC and that the Air Force in the requisition waive the second move within this fiscal year.

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Col., UUSAF

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21 March 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR : Director of Administration

SUBJECT : Manning of Detachment B
Ref: SAPC-4292 (attached)

1. I have reviewed []'s request for using [] (soon to be Lieut. Col.) as Chief Ops. [] has full faith and confidence in [] having known his background and capabilities. Inasmuch as [] is the CO of Detachment B and is responsible for its wellbeing and operational success, I see no reason to usurp his prerogative as commander in telling him how he is to use his personnel within his organization. Accordingly, I approve of his suggestion to use [] this position.

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2. With regard to his second request asking for [] I also request that you attempt through Col. Berg to get [] If we get a flat "No", then we will drop the issue and requisition some other officer to fill this position.

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SAPC-4547
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17 March 1956

MEMORANDUM TO:

THRU : Director of Operations

SUBJECT : Utilization of Detachment "B" Personnel

1. With reference to your memorandum 8 March 1956, subject as above, I generally concur in the action indicated in your memorandum. Specifically with regard to your recommendations in paragraph 2a., and Mr. Bissell will make a final decision on the procurement of a T-33 for use in Project Headquarters.

2. Re paragraph 2b., the study is approved. Recommend that you proceed immediately to procure materials and prepare a briefing on the physical geography of Eurasia.

3. Re paragraph 2c., this schedule is approved. Recommend that request for visit to Watertown be submitted on an individual basis.

4. With regard to your trip 25 to 30 March, I recommend that this be delayed until Colonel Welsh and party return from London.

5. Paragraph 2d. Concur. Suggest that you obtain this material from the Purchasing and Contracting Officer.

/s/



Colonel, USAF
Deputy Project Director

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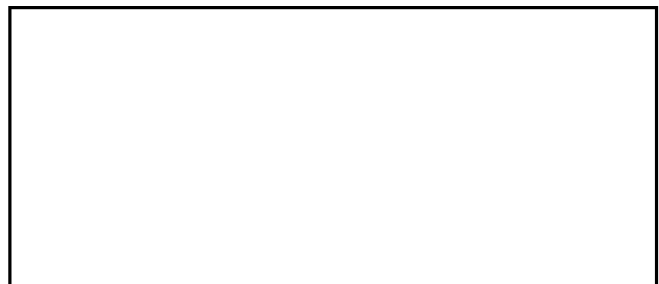
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